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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT GISCARD
D'ESTAING

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD
TO PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING. BEGIN QUOTE:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: YOUR KIND

AND THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION
OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR
INDEPENDENCE AS A NATION SYMBOLIZES THE CLOSE FRIENDSHIP
AND MUTUAL RESPECT WHICH HAVE LONG CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS
BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.

END QUOTE

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE PRESIDENT FORD'S
MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ES-
TAING DESIRES DO SO.

3- FYI. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING'S
MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT. BEGIN TEXT. " A L'OCCASION DE LA
FETE DE L'INDEPENDANCE DES ETATS UNIS D'AMERIQUE JE SUIS
PARTICULIEREMENT HEUREUX D'ADRESSER A VOTRE EXCELLENCE

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MES CHALEUREUSES FELICITATIONS. J'Y JOINS LES SOUHAITS

TRES SINCERES DE BONHEUR QUE JE FORME POUR SA PERSONNE
ET POUR LE PEUPLE AMERICAIN LIE AU PEUPLE FRANCAIS PAR
TANT DE LIENS ET DE SOUVENIRS COMMUNS." INGERSOLL

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